

FREDD STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

SHELTON STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DR. RICK ROGERS, PRESIDENT



NAMING OF
I.W. MITCHELL CAFETORIUM
DEDICATION OF THE UNITY CENTER
NAMING OF
NORMAN C. CEPHUS CONFERENCE ROOM

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2004

The Unity Center is a partnership with
The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development &
Shelton State Community College

NAMING OF THE I.W. MITCHELL CAFETORIUM

Cordell Wynn, Ph.D., Presiding

Assistant to the President

WELCOME

Cordell Wynn

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rachel Jones
Shelton State student

THE OCCASION

Cordell Wynn

PRESENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION

Ronald Range,
Director of Title III

THE UNVEILING OF DEDICATORY PLAQUE & PORTRAIT

Rick Rogers, Ed.D,
President

THE RESPONSE

I.W. Mitchell
President,
C.A. Fredd Technical College
1976-1982

INTERIM PRAYER

Fran Viselli
Research Specialist

Please join us for a continuation of the celebration in The Unity Center

DEDICATION OF THE UNITY CENTER & NAMING OF NORMAN C. CEPHUS CONFERENCE ROOM

WELCOME

Cordell Wynn

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Fayette Edwards, III
Former Student,
C. A. Fredd Technical College

THE OCCASION

Cordell Wynn

THE PRESENTATION OF THE KEYS

Bryant Melton, LL.D

Rick Rogers, Ed. D

Rex B. Veron

Roger Taylor

Steve Averette

Director, C. A. Fredd Campus
President
Designing Architect,
Ward, Scott, Veron Architects, Inc.
General Contractor,
Hall-Taylor Construction
Director of Building and Grounds

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Carolyn Edwards
Director, The Unity Center

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader: *Let us join together in thanking God whom we worship in the beauty of the created world. Eternal God, the heavens cannot contain you, much less the buildings fashioned by human hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place and accept the work of this building offered to your glory.*

People: *We thank you, O Lord.*

Leader: *For the vision and work of craftsmanship that led to the creation of this beautiful facility.*

People: *We thank you, O Lord.*

Leader: *For purposes of providing educational opportunities to those who dream of a better life for themselves and their families.*

Leader: *Let us now fulfill the godly purposes for which we are assembled of dedicating this facility to the honor of God's most Holy name. To the glory of God, who has called us by divine grace: to the honor of the Son, who loved us and gave himself for us: to the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illuminates and sanctifies us:*

People: *We dedicate this building.*

Prayer of Dedication: *(please repeat in unison)*

God of all creation, you are the giver of all good and perfect gifts. We give thanks for Shelton State Community College, this facility for learning and knowing, this launching pad for the outgoing of goodwill. We dedicate this building and its purposes to Your glory and to the edification of humankind. Amen.

Litany by Cordell Wynn

THE DECLARATION OF DEDICATION

I declare The Unity Center consecrated to the service of humanity through God Almighty, to whom be glory and majesty, dominion and power, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESS THIS HOUSE

Mr. Levert Hedgemon, Jr.
Teacher at West Lawn Middle

PRESENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION & UNVEILING OF DEDICATORY PLAQUE & PORTRAIT

Rick Rogers
Sandra Ray, State Board of
Education, Seventh District

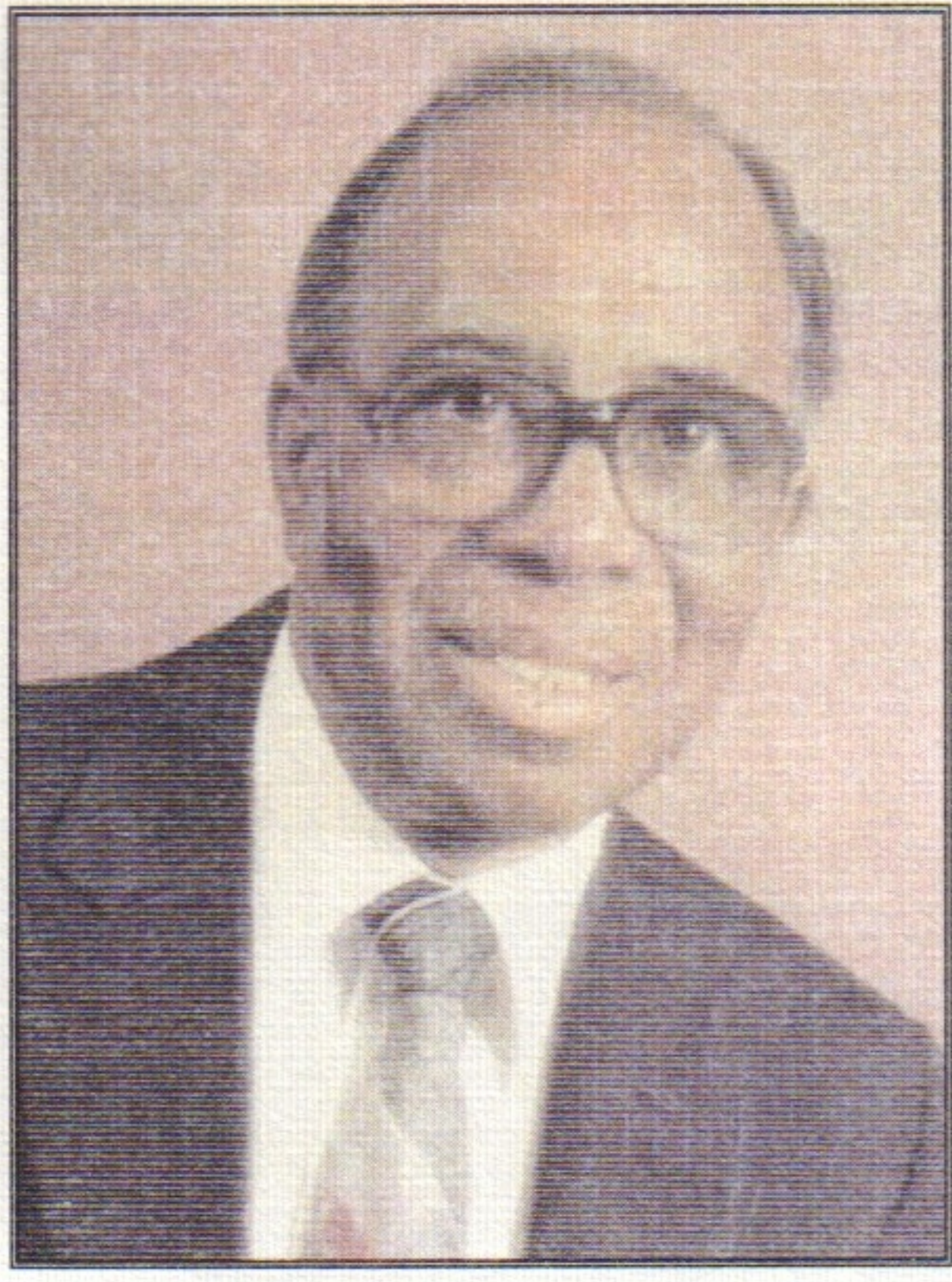
THE RESPONSE

Norman C. Cephus
President,
C.A. Fredd Technical College
1982-1990

REMARKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cordell Wynn

Reception to follow



I. W. MITCHELL

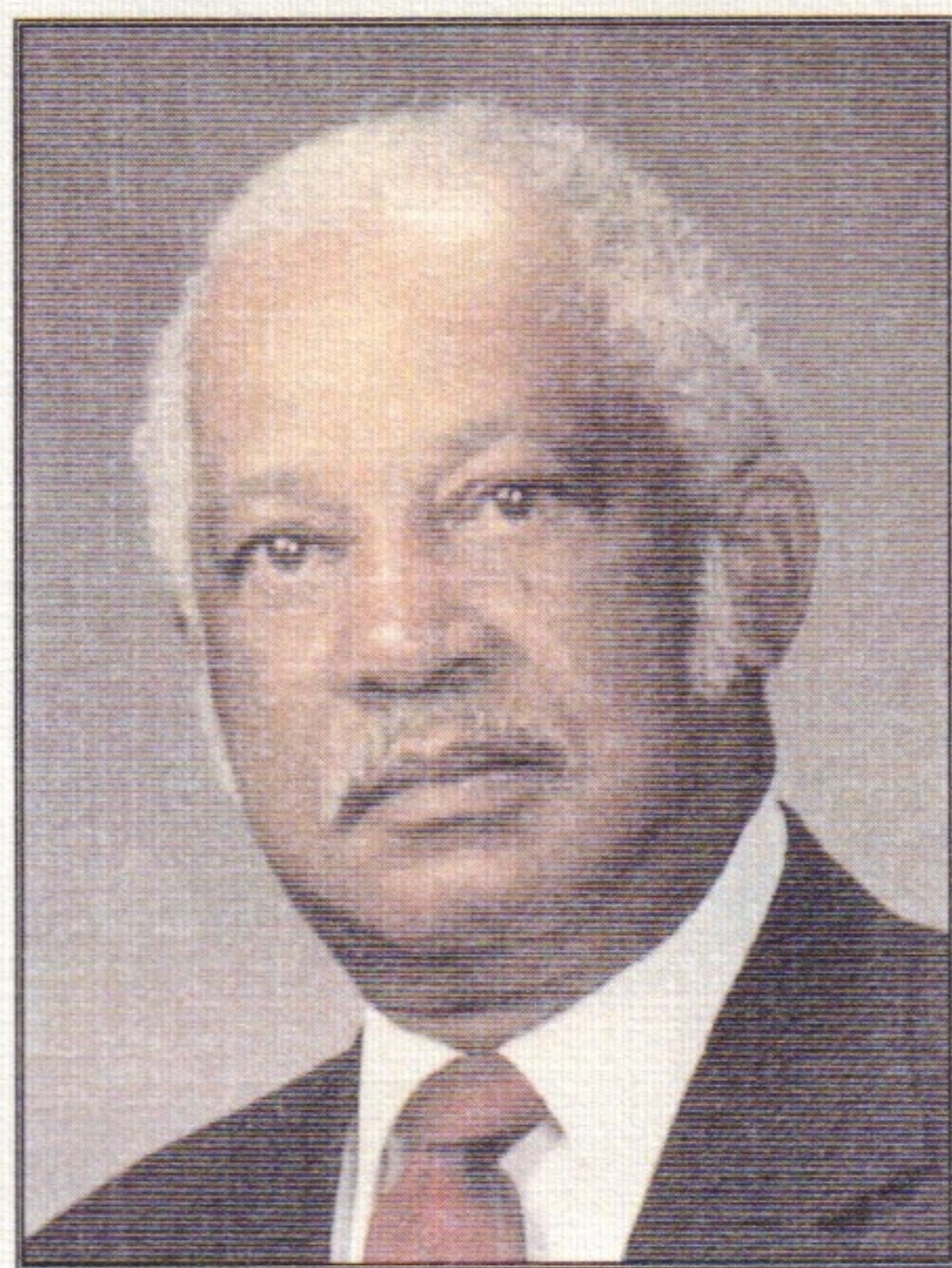
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1976-1982*

I. W. Mitchell received his bachelors degree from Alabama A&M University with further studies at Tuskegee University. He earned his masters degree from Wayne State University. Already working for the State of Alabama, Mitchell was transferred to Tuscaloosa State Trade School when it opened in 1963. Mitchell's profession as an educator includes a Diversified Occupation teacher at Druid High School, and Dean of Tuscaloosa State Trade School.

When Mitchell assumed the reigns of president in 1976, the Fredd Campus consisted of an administrative building and two shop buildings. During his tenure as president, additional buildings and programs were added, doubling the size of the school.

Mitchell believes his greatest accomplishment as president was preparing Fredd students for employment. Even today, students who were trained at Fredd State are still in the workforce. B.F. Goodrich was a major employer of Fredd students. The First African-American secretary hired at Goodrich was a graduate of C. A. Fredd. The employment rate for Fredd students during this time period ranged from 65-75%.

In 1982, Mr. Mitchell retired as president of C. A. Fredd after serving six years. He still lives in Tuscaloosa today.



NORMAN C. CEPHUS

*PRESIDENT,
C.A. FREDD TECHNICAL COLLEGE
1982-1990*

Norman Cephus was named president of C.A Fredd State Technical College in 1982 following the retirement of I.W. Mitchell. Prior to assuming the presidency, Cephus served as the Dean of Instruction for the college.

Cephus holds a bachelors and masters degree from Alabama A &M University. He served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II. Upon returning to the the United States, Cephus was employed by the Moundville School System.

During Cephus's presidency, the college expanded with the addition of several new buildings. C.A. Fredd State Technical College was awarded its first Title III grant which enabled the college to accomplish more of its long term goals. In addition, C. A. Fredd State was designated as a Historically Black College and University by the Department of Education. With the HBCU designation, the college continued the specific HBCU purpose of promoting educational access and opportunity for all students in a culturally diverse community.

Cephus worked with Victor Poole, Tom Umphrey and other college and community leaders to complete the merge between Shelton State Community College and C. A. Fredd State. Cephus retired as president of C. A. Fredd State in 1990 and still resides in Tuscaloosa today.

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